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Alice Springs Town Council acknowledges the Central Arrernte people who are the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Alice Springs-Mparntwe

Upcoming Council Meetings...

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL

Commence 11.00am in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, 93 Todd Street. Public welcome to attend.

Councillor's Column



Cr Allison Bitar

April sees the beautiful art of Parrtjima light up the MacDonnell Ranges over two big weeks this month, supported by the Alice Springs Town Council.

Be sure to get along to the talks. This year's line-up includes local Marathon man Charlie Maher Jnr, Comedian Steven Oliver and an In Conversation with Christine Ross and Roxanne Highfold.

Council is excited to announce that shade structures have been placed over play equipment in our 13 local parks. This Council is focused on improving liveability in Alice Springs and shade over play equipment makes a big difference to the lives of our children.

Keep an eye out for activities that will be popping up in the Mall this month. Funded through our Todd Mall Activation Grants and the Northern Territory Government Safer Places Program. The first of such activities is Yin Yoga on Saturdays in April.

Council Connects is coming to you this month - look forward to seeing you there!



Beautifying Alice

The Northern Territory Government will help locals beautify the Alice Springs CBD and suburbs with a Public Space Beautification Program.

The Public Space Beautification Program is an ideas contest open to anyone in the Alice Springs region with an idea for creating, improving or activating our town's public spaces. NTG is looking for your best ideas to make the town more colourful and activated with no idea too big or small.

Activate Alice will invest \$200,000 to make some ideas a reality with the program open to anyone with an idea, be it an organisation, not-for-profit company, individual or government agency.

The idea submission phase closes on 21 April at 12pm. Following the closure, the Activate Alice Working Group will select the top ideas to progress to a public voting phase. The successful ideas will receive a share of the \$200,000 with the maximum grant size being \$20,000.

Winners will be required to implement the project themselves, including all approvals and permits. The Activate Alice team can help work through this if needed.



To submit your idea, head to the Have Your Say website [here](#) and answer the questions on the submission form.

You can also email through any questions you may have to Activate.Alice@nt.gov.au.

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Neat Streets

Do you drive past a pesky pot hole on your way to work in the morning? Maybe there's a fallen tree on your street, or you've noticed a few abandoned trolleys laying around a particular area of our town. Did you know you can report all these issues, and plenty more, to Council?

Yes, you can report issues such as road obstructions, vandalism, litter, abandoned cars, broken footbaths and more using the Neat Streets app. Neat Streets is an easy and effective way of letting Council know about things that need our attention across our community. All you need to do is file an issue using the Neat Streets smartphone app and it will be sent straight to Council for action.

The app uses GPS technology to locate the issue and once submitted, Council is notified right away. If the problem falls outside of a Council-controlled area, the case is forwarded to the relevant department to follow up on.

When submitting a Neat Streets case, make sure you include as much information as possible. This assists Council's crew in actioning our request as timely as possible. You can even include photographs, which are particularly helpful to Council staff.

Make sure you download the Neat Streets app on your mobile today. For more information, visit www.Neatstreets.com.au



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Alice Springs Town Council

Easter long weekend hours

Council advises residents of the following hours of operation, for facilities and services, during the 2023 Easter long weekend.

- **Civic Centre:** Closing 5pm, Thursday 6 April, resuming normal hours Tuesday, 11 April.
- **Alice Springs Public Library:** Closing 6pm, Thursday 6 April, resuming normal hours Tuesday, 11 April.
- **Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre:** Closed Good Friday 7 April only. Open 9am-7pm. Saturday 8, Sunday 9, and Monday 10 April. Please bear in mind, there will be no AQUA classes over Easter weekend.
- **Regional Waste Management Facility:** Closed Good Friday 7 April only.
- **Rediscovery Centre:** Closed Good Friday 7 April only.
- **Depot:** Closing 3.30pm Thursday 6 April, resuming normal hours Tuesday, 11 April.
- **Kerbside collection:** Service for Friday 7 April is rescheduled to Thursday 6 April only. Residents to please have bins ready for collection by 6am. Service scheduled for Monday 10 April will be carried out as normal.

The Mayor, Councillors, CEO, Directors and Staff of Alice Springs Town Council wish all residents a safe and happy Easter.

For after-hours Council services emergencies only, please call 8950 0500 and follow the prompts.

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Jordon Humphreys:

Young Centralian Sensation



Jordon Humphreys Young Centralian of the Year 2023

For most Year 12 students, the sheer workload and stress of completing high school is enough to take on. Between studying, exams and planning for the future, students can be forgiven for prioritising themselves. That's not Jordon Humphreys.

A Year 12 student at St. Philip's College, Jordon is the epitome of selfless. While he completes his studies, Jordon has also embraced an advocacy role for young people across the Northern Territory.

"It started off a lot in 2021 where I was a victim of bullying, but also noticed really big issues around mental health and disability around the Territory," Jordon said.

"Mental health was being stigmatised and disability was really being discriminated against. At the end of 2021 I heard about the NT Youth Round Table and signed up for that, not really expecting to get picked. I found out at the end of the year I had been picked, and that really threw me head first into this youth advocacy space, talking with government ministers and giving me a platform to make a difference for those in my community that don't feel comfortable speaking about these issues."

As a member of the NT Youth Round Table, Jordon continued his advocacy work for disability, mental health and the prevention of bullying. He helped consult on the National Disability Framework and has had the ear of government ministers, helping make the NT a better place for all young people. This work led to Jordon being named the 2023 Centralian Young Citizen of the Year on Australia Day.

"(Winning the award) was a huge shock! When I found out, I didn't think I deserved it knowing the other people that were nominated," Jordon said.

"I'm extremely grateful, I don't know who nominated me but I'm extremely grateful. It was a shock to see (that work) had been noticed on that level. For me, it meant a lot to see that someone had noticed that the work I've been doing has had an impact on the community."

Jordon's work in making the NT a better place for young people is far from done as he has joined Alice Springs Town Council in a new youth role. Jordon will help keep Council connected to young people across Alice Springs, ensuring their voices are heard and considered in all that Council does.

"At the moment I am working to help organise a youth conference that is coming up. After that, I

will be looking at outcomes from the Youth Summit that Council held last year and providing a report to Council about what we can do better going forward," Jordon said.

"I will be spending a lot of time going out and seeing kids from different schools and looking at what is working and what we can do better from a Council perspective. It's about being that real connection with students."



YRAP 2022 Exhibition opening



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YRAP 2022, Winner 12-15 yrs category.

YOUTH 2023 RECYCLED -ART PRIZE-

Council's 2023 Youth Recycled Art Prize offers young people in Alice Springs aged between 12-25 years the opportunity to develop their creative talents, have their work exhibited, and win great prizes- all while learning about recycling!

All young entrants will submit an original creative piece made strictly from recycled or reused materials, with age categories ranging from; 12-15 years, 16-19 years, and 20-25 years. Prizes will be awarded to the winning entrants in each category, as well as to the People's Choice Award, with a total of \$1200 worth of prizes.

Prior to the entry closure date on Monday 27 March, a workshop was held on Saturday 18 March at the Civic Centre which aimed to provide participants with the skills, materials and support for the creation of their art work. The young artists were mentored in aesthetic design, team work, drilling, gluing, and painting. Ultimately these young artists created a piece that was ready for submission by the end of the fun-filled session.

The opening night for the 2023 Youth Recycled Art Prize exhibition will be held on Thursday 6 April from 5 to 7 pm at Alice Plaza, accessible via the Parsons Street entrance. The gallery in Alice Plaza will also be open for the public to view on Saturday 8 April, and daily from Tuesday 11 April to Friday 14 April from 11 am to 2 pm. All are welcome to attend!

EASTER

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

THURSDAY 6

> YOUTH RECYCLED ART PRIZE EXHIBITION

Opening Day 5-7pm

Gallery Opening Hours

11am-2pm

Saturday: 8th April

Weekdays: 11th to 14th April
@ Alice Plaza

TUESDAY 11

> TRY AND FLY DRONES

10.30-11.30 am (Ages 8+)

@Library

> SKATE WORKSHOP

4.30-6.30 pm (Ages 12-25)

@SkatePark

THURSDAY 13

> ACTIVE CHAMPIONS

With Boyle's Striking Academy

10.30-11.30 am (Ages 6 to 12)

@Library

Eventbrite bookings required

WEDNESDAY 12

> SINGALONG:

Discover your voice

10.15-10.45 am (Ages 5 to 11)

@Library

> 3D PRINTING WORKSHOP

3-4.30 pm (Ages 10+)

@Library

*Continues on Friday with
Robotics Workshop.
Eventbrite bookings required

friday 14

> BABY RHYMETIME

10.15-10.45 am (Ages 0 to 2)

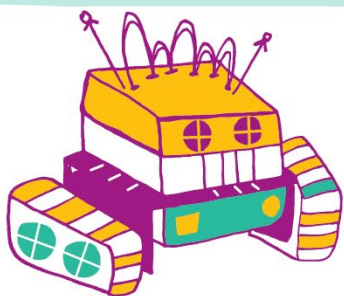
@Library

> ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

2-4 pm (Ages 10+)

@Library

*Continuation for 3D Printing Workshop
participants.



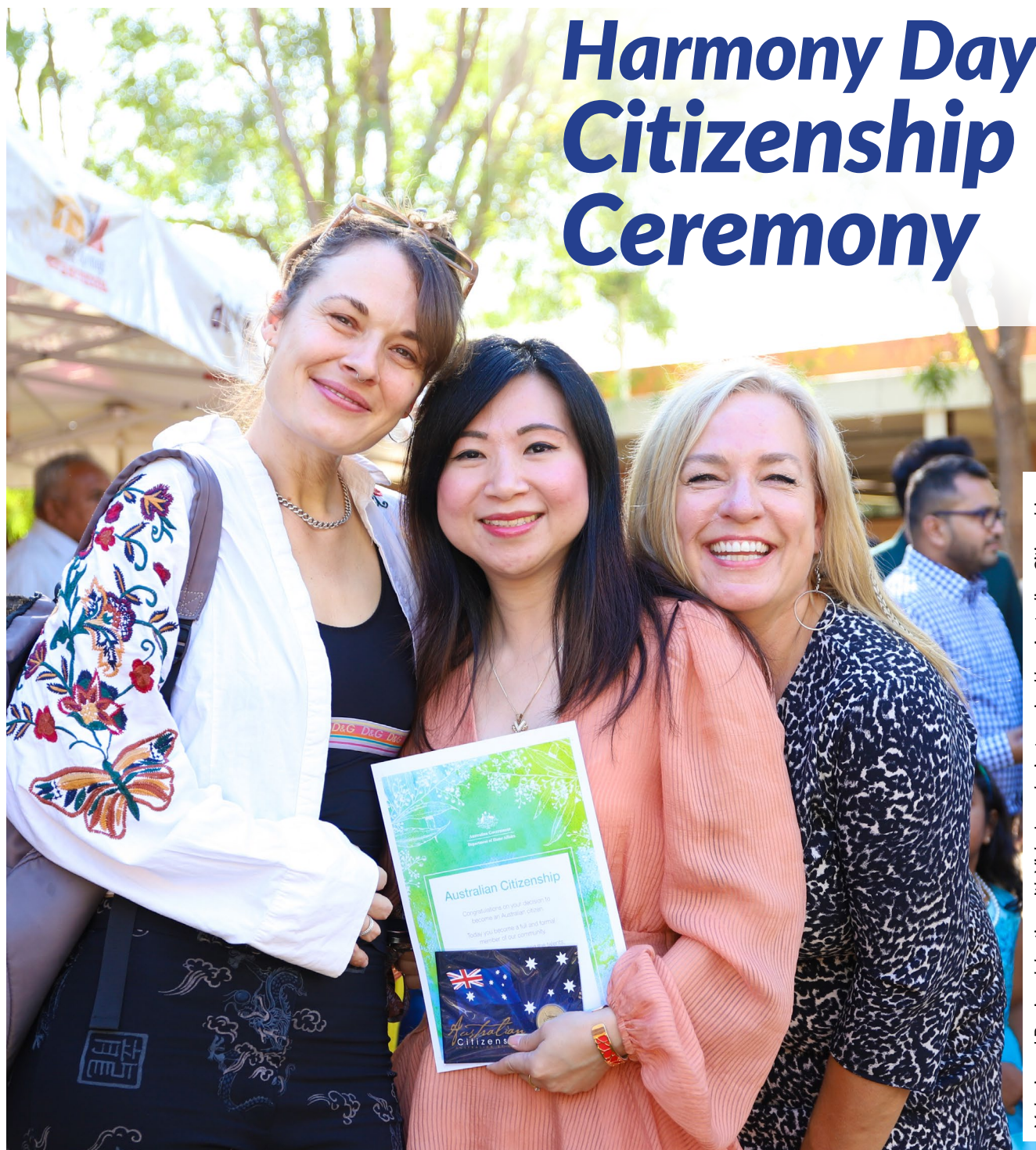
*For your consideration: 3D Printing Workshop participants includes booking for Friday's Robotics Workshop. Participants are encouraged to attend both for the full experience."

LIBRARY @Corner Gregory & Leichhardt Terrace.

SKATEPARK @14 Speed St. The Gap.

library@astc.nt.gov.au | 8950 0555





Melanie and Dunja celebrating with Vicky Lee who just received her Australian Citizenship.

On Tuesday 21 March, Alice Springs Town Council hosted a Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony in the Civic Centre Courtyard to welcome Alice Springs' newest Australian Citizens and watch them make their pledge of commitment.



Alice Springs is a proudly vibrant and multicultural town and with Harmony Week signifying the celebration of multiculturalism and the successful integration of migrants into the community, Harmony Day was the perfect date for this special occasion.

Mayor Matt Paterson, Alice Springs Town Council CEO Joe McCabe, Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, and Town Crier Meredith Campbell conducted formalities and oversaw ceremonial proceedings which included a formal introduction, speeches, an address to participants, the pledge of commitment, and the National Anthem.

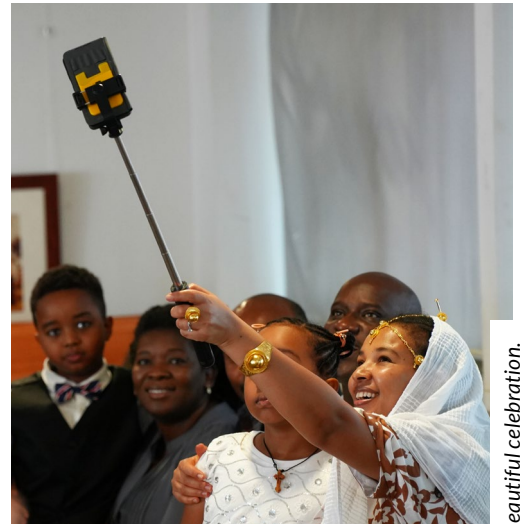
Forty-one adults and children from the Philippines, Thailand, Ethiopia, United Kingdom, France, Kenya,

South Africa, Bangladesh, South Korea, Brazil, Vietnam, New Zealand, Colombia United States of America and Singapore received Australian Citizenship on this day.

"Citizenship Ceremonies are always special and it was an honour to see 41 Alice Springs residents become Australians in March," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"For many, receiving Citizenship is one of the most important days of their lives. It's an incredible feeling to see the smiles on their faces and share that moment with them.

"Congratulations to everyone that received Citizenship!"



Snapshots from a beautiful celebration.

Amenities for liveability

Amenity across Alice Springs is being increased for residents with a range of Alice Springs Town Council projects nearing completion in upcoming months.

Beefwood Park shed installation.

ASTC have been hard at work increasing the liveability of our town, including improving a range of parks across the community.

New shade structures have been erected in 12 community parks this year to help keep children safe from the harsh sunlight while they play. Parks that received new shade are:

- Oleander Park
- Noonie Park
- Beefwood Park
- Campbell Park
- Dixon Park
- Ashwin Park
- Roberts Park
- Gilbert Place Park
- Plowman Park
- Forrest Park
- Ruffino Park
- Walmulla Park

Parks have been a big focus for Council recently with Walmulla Park and Gilbert Place Park both set to receive upgrades in the coming months. New play equipment has been ordered for both parks with Walmulla expected to be complete in May while Gilbert Place Park is expected to be finished in June.

Work has also begun on a brand-new outdoor gym facility at the Aquatic and Leisure Centre to help increase the leisure side of the facility. This new gym will give people access to exercise equipment in a fun outdoor setting, helping to promote healthy lifestyles.

Amenities throughout the town CBD are also a priority for Council with a new Exeloo toilet block to be installed in Hartley Street. The final installation is expected by the end of May.



What's on in April 2023

WEDNESDAYS

gather together

celebrating the power of storytelling
to create new futures
a lunchtime conversation series
1 - 2pm, wednesdays in april
at Red Kangaroo Books

5 April
poetry and country
Amelia Kngwarrae Turner and Shirley Kngwarrae Turner
hosted by Marie Elena Ellis

12 April
local history is personal
John Spencer
hosted by Tanya Heaslip, Author

19 April
queer collaborations
Watch This Space artists Victoria Alondra
and Nic Carson (Slumberkitty)

26 April
radical equality
Creators of Girls Can Boys Can: The Adventures of Cody
and Casey picture book

WEDNESDAY 5

RHINO MILK PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

AN EVENING AT THE ROASTERY

SUPPORTING RUNNING WATER COMMUNITY PRESS
WED 5TH APRIL

6PM. MUSIC 7PM
sc, mparitwe
1k available from 6 - 9PM

with Warlpiri Kaytetye aul
Maureen Jipilyiya Nampijinpa O'Ke

MUSIC FT. KODI TWINER, ALEX MCLEAN, BEN CORRIE, KENNY GLAZE, KADEK, HOBMAN, ANDERS PFEIFFER, LATECIA BODDEY, MADAM ZUZU

TIX ONLINE \$30

OCCURRING ON UNCEDED ARRERENTE LAND

Runni Water Community Press
Du Coffee

THURSDAY 6

LAUNCH

EV
APRIL 6

YOUNG TOURISM PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

FRIDAY 7

PARRTJIMA
7-16 APRIL 2023

SATURDAY 8

Alice Springs Desert Park

BILBY BUDDIES FUN DAY

SATURDAY
8 APRIL
9:30am - 1:30pm

Members Receive FREE Entry
Special Bilby Tour
Bilby Fun Facts Chocolate Hunt
Colouring Competition
Meet the Kangaroos

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT
Alice Springs Desert Park
Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs
Northern Territory
www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au

FRIDAY 14

Interstellar Return

SATURDAY 15

NEPALESE COMMUNITY ALICE SPRINGS INC.

Presents

NEPALESE NEW YEAR 2080

"UNITY IN DIVERSITY"

15 April 2023 || 5:00PM-9:00PM
Marian Hall, OLSH College, 95 Sadadeen Road, Alice Springs
Cultural Performance, Nepalese Food, Music, Raffles, DJ, Dance

ticket: \$30/person

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NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT
Alice Springs Town Council

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SATURDAY 22

Plant Sale

Saturday 22nd April 2023

Sale from 8am until sold out

Olive Pink Botanic Garden - Tunks Road

Alice Springs Botanic Garden

FRIDAY 28

David Strassman in
The Chocolate Diet
Araluen Arts Centre



PH: www.carralicespringsmtb.com

Easter Mountain Bike Muster

Easter is fast approaching and for some, that means a nice and relaxing long weekend at home with your feet up on the couch.

For others, it means a weekend of fun and excitement, ripping through some of the best mountain bike trails in the world!

The Central Australian Rough Riders Mountain Bike Club will be hosting a special mountain bike event this Easter long weekend, the Easter Mountain Bike Muster.

Featuring events for all ages and skill levels, the Easter Mountain Bike Muster will feature a range of different events across three action packed days of riding.

The fun begins on Good Friday, 7 April, with a two-person Enduro event during the evening.

This will see competitors pair up and ride through the stunning Eastside trails.

Saturday 8 April will see things ramp up with a women's only ride, a junior's ride and a social ride out through the Telegraph Station in the morning. The action continues on Saturday evening with a cross-country course testing riders' skills and abilities.

After a full-on weekend of racing, the Muster will wrap up with a fun community ride on Sunday 9 April that will see riders of all ages and skills travel together as a group. The location for this ride is still to be determined.

So, if you're a keen mountain biker, or just looking to burn off a bit of that Easter chocolate, contact the Central Australian Rough Riders today and register for the Easter Mountain Bike Muster 2023! For more information or to register, visit

carralicespringsmtb.com/easter-mountain-bike-muster

Free Cyber Safety & Scam Prevention Workshops

Technology is an integral part of life in 2023. It changes the way society operates and makes a range of our day-to-day errands a lot easier and less time-consuming.

While technology clearly has its benefits, it can also be used by nasty people to prey on innocent victims. More than ever, criminals are using the internet and different technology to scam individuals.

With the threat of cyber-crime rising, Alice Springs Town Council have partnered with Neighbourhood Watch NT and IDCARE to provide the Alice Springs community with a free scam prevention and cyber security presentation.

Facilitated by Neighbourhood Watch NT and IDCARE, these sessions will aim at providing members of the community some helpful information on how to prepare, prevent and respond to scams, identity theft and cyber security concerns.

Featuring information on sites that can help improve your cyber security and ideas on how to protect your devices, these sessions will be held on Wednesday 12 April in the Andy McNeill Room.

A morning session will be held from 9:30am-12:pm and an afternoon session will take place from 5-8pm. Attending the session is completely free.

We hope to see you there!



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Night Market - fabALICE



IWD



Poetry @ the Library



Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony



Deadly Footy Grand Finals



Where to find...



FREE

online listing
for your Alice Springs
Community Event*

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

*Conditions apply

WORK

Careers @ Council
Alice Springs Town Council
current vacancies

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Click 'Jobs'

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from the Community
and Alice Springs
Town Council

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Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre

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*SUMMER HOURS (1 September to 30 April)
Weekdays, 6am – 7pm
Weekends & Public Holidays, 9am – 7pm
*WINTER HOURS (1 May to 31 August)
Weekdays, 6am – 6.30pm
Weekends & Public Holidays, 9am – 3pm
*Outdoor 50m pool closed for a time in August
for annual maintenance. Hours exclude Good Friday,
Alice Springs Show Day, Christmas Day

Alice Springs Public Library

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library@astc.nt.gov.au
alicesprings.nt.gov.au/library
Monday to Friday, 10am – 6pm
Weekends, 10am – 1pm (ex. Public Holidays)

Regional Waste Management Facility

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Open 7 days, 8am – 4pm
(ex. Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day)

Rediscovery Centre

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Monday to Friday, 8am – 4pm
(ex. Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day)

Alice Springs Animal Shelter

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